



National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.

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To: Active Members of NCBM
From: Vanessa R. Williams, NCBM Executive Director
Date: January 3, 2006
Re: **NCBM SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

It's that time again! NCBM will be awarding scholarships at the upcoming convention in Memphis, Tennessee on April 27- April 30, 2006. Please find attached the 2006 Scholarship Application and eligibility guidelines. We would graciously request that you would distribute the applications to students in your municipalities who meet the criteria for NCBM's Scholarship Program. In it's sixth year, the organization is awarding \$1,000 scholarships to students in a number of **active members'** (paid membership dues) cities and towns.

We ask that your students return the applications to you and that you forward them to the NCBM office via United States Postal Service, no later than **February 17, 2006 by 5:00 p.m. EST.** **Please do not fax the applications to us as they will not be accepted.**

The Education/Scholarship Committee will meet to select the recipients who will receive the awards at the Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom Award Luncheon on **Friday, April 28th**. The mayors of the winners will accept the scholarships at the luncheon and then hold a special event in their respective municipalities to distribute the awards to their students

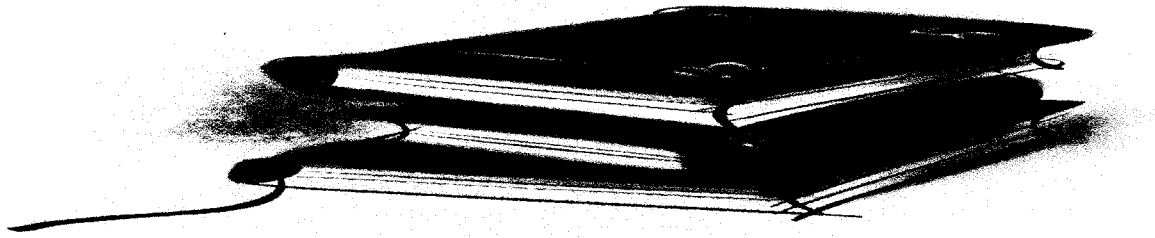
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karrianna Turner, Director of youth Program Development at (404) 765-6444. Recipients of last year's scholarships continue to report that the financial assistance helped them considerably in meeting their financial obligations. We encourage you to participate in this NCBM initiative to help young people achieve their post-secondary educational goals.

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2006 NCBM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET



APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS



THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF BLACK MAYORS, INC.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Description

Scholarships sponsored by the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM) will be awarded annually, contingent upon the availability of funds to applicants who excel academically and are involved in their communities, and live in active NCBM member municipalities. The amount of the scholarship will be determined on an annual basis. Please note, there will only be one applicant selected from the active member municipalities.

Criteria

- Must be a resident of the municipality for one year.
- Must be a high school senior in good academic standing with a GPA of at least 2.7
- Must be accepted or planning to enroll in an accredited college or vocational program. (Proof of enrollment is required at time of scholarship award).
- Must complete all sections of the approved application form for consideration.
- Must submit a maximum 500 word essay addressing the following topic:
 - A. Explain the importance of higher and education and the impact that it has on our society, along with the significance of youth and community involvement.
- Must submit three (3) letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a non-relative faculty member from the school you are currently attending.
- Must submit an official sealed transcript from your current high school.
- Must be willing to participate in an interview with members of NCBM's Education/Scholarship Committee, if necessary.



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2006 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please type or print

Personal:

Name: _____ Age: _____ Sex: _____
Municipality: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
Telephone: () _____

School Information:

High School Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Are you a high school senior? Yes _____ No _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

Counselor Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Required for submission)

College or University that you are planning to attend:

Community Service:

List School and Community Extra-Curricular Activities:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

*Please send all completed applications to the mayor's office. The deadline for submission to NCBM is **February 17, 2006 by 5:00 p.m.** The winners will be announced at the Annual Convention of the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. Applicants may obtain application packets from NCBM active mayors in the city or town in which they reside.

Scholarships are open to all applicants regardless of race, creed, color, religion, sexual orientation or disability.

*Please feel free to make additional copies.